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ATTN: Kathryn Garcia, Interim Chair and CEO New York City Housing Authority 250 Broadway New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairwoman Garcia,

Today we are writing to express our concern regarding the ongoing issues our constituents are facing when it comes to postal service. Recently, we sat down with the United States Postal Service to discuss problems our constituents face receiving and sending mail effectively and safely in Brooklyn. Among other items that were highlighted, was the struggle for NYCHA residents to receive packages in a timely manner. As you are aware, large package deliveries are becoming more and more common. Yet, all too often our residents aren't home at the delivery time and must walk or use public transit over long distances to retrieve their packages. While this issue may be low on the priority list, it is still a significant quality-of-life issue — especially for senior citizens or the disabled.

Thankfully, the USPS revealed they had prior discussions with your agency about the viability and willingness to install Parcel Boxes – at no cost to NYCHA – in buildings across the city. However, USPS indicated that those conversations did not end with a resolution or a desire on the part of NYCHA to move forward. We understand your agency is operating under a significant funding shortfall and are therefore shocked you would not aggressively pursue a free avenue to improve the quality-of-life for your tenants.

We hope your agency can provide an adequate explanation for the delay in Parcel Box installation, and following that, a timetable for which this improvement can be implemented in the NYCHA complexes within New York's 11th Congressional District. This is a great opportunity and we should take advantage of it immediately.

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